LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TWELFTH DAY.

Wednesday, 28th March 1951.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at Four Minutes Past One of the Clock.

Mr. Speaker (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given).

Mr. SPEAKER (The Hon'ble Sri V. Venkatappa).—Questions. Question No. 215. Sri G. Veerappa. The Hon'ble Member is not present. The question will be treated as an unstarred question.

Question No. 225. Sri B. Channabyre Gowda. The Hon'ble Member is not present. The question will therefore be treated as an unstarred question.

Appointment of a Committee to report on the working of Prohibition.

*Q.—11. **Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY** (Kolar District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they contemplate the appointment of a Committee to report on the working of Prohibition and suggest ways and means of its successful working ?

*A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA** (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—No.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What is the reason ? Is it because the scheme of Prohibition is working so successfully ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—I have already explained in some other connection that it is not absolutely necessary for some time to come.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Does the Hon'ble Minister mean to say that only when it is considered absolutely necessary, it would be a matter for examination ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—The matter will be examined.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is the appointment of a Committee not urged on the floor of this House very frequently by way of cut motions, resolutions and otherwise ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Lastt-ime also there was such a question. As I said, the matter will be considered.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that many other States which have introduced prohibition, are appointing these committees ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Very recently in the United Provinces such a Committee was appointed. I read in one of the papers.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—When the Government are losing so much money, is it not very essential that a Committee of this nature should be appointed very early to advise them in the matter ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—Just yesterday there was a cut motion on the subject and it was expressed then on the floor of this House that the working of the prohibition scheme is satisfactory.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Does it mean that there was no difference of opinion with regard to this matter when an Hon'ble Member complimented the Government on its working ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—I did not mean it has given us entire satisfaction. It is not unsatisfactory ; at any rate, that has been admitted.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that illicit distillation of arrack and toddy is on the increase and that the appointment of a Committee is very necessary to advise the Government as to how the scheme should be worked and all that?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—The very fact that as nearly as 8,000 cases are launched and a number of convictions are secured, shows that illicit distillation is on the increase but it is also put down.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it not advisable for the Government to appoint a Committee and ascertain its opinion with regard to either the extension of Prohibition or its complete elimination in the State?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—That is a different matter. That does not arise.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—In view of the answer, may I take it that the Government have come to a decision on this subject?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—The Government have not thought it fit to appoint such a Committee just at present.

Dismissal or suspension of Drivers, Conductors and Inspectors of the Government Road Transport Service.

*Q.—27. **Sri S. KARIAPPA** (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of Drivers, Conductors and Inspectors of the Government Road Transport Service dismissed and suspended (figures may be given from the beginning);

(*b*) the grounds for doing so?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H SIDDAIYA** (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

	Number dismissed.	*Number under suspension.*
(*a*) Drivers ...	20	22
Conductors.	177	60
Traffic Supervisors and Assistant Traffic Supervisors.	Nil	Nil

(*b*) for dereliction of duty such as non-issue of tickets, non-remittance of collections, overloading, loss of luggage of passengers, loss of ticket books and trip sheets, negligent driving resulting in accidents, absence without permission, misbehaviour, tampering with ticket books and trip sheets, etc.

Abandoned and Breached tanks in Kolar District.

*Q.—63. **Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA** (Kolar District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the number of abandoned and breached tanks in Kolar District (information to be furnished Talukwar)?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA** (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

Vide list given below.—

Name of Taluk.	*Abandoned.*	*Breached.*
1. Kolar ...	125	22
2. Mulbagal ...	46	44
3. Bangarpet ...	51	25
4. Malur ...	27	43
5. Chintamani	95	20
6. Srinivaspur	211	15
7. Chikballapur	46	9
8. Goribidnur	47	9
9. Siddlaghatta	36	14
10. Bagepally	563	10
11. Gudibanda		
	1,247	211

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡರು.—ಈ ಪಾಳು ಬಿಟ್ಟ ರತಕ್ಕ ಕೆರೆಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ, 25 ಎಕರೆ ಅಟ್ಟುಕಟ್ಟುಗ ಳಿರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಕೆರೆಗಳಿಪ್ಪಿರುತ್ತವೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸರಾ ಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ?

*ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು –ನೋಟೀಸ್.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡರು.—ಈ ಕೆರೆಗಳನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಪಾಳು ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ?

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ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡರು.—ಈ ಕೆರೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈಗ ತಾವೇನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳ ಬೇಕೆಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವ ರಿಗೆ ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧವಾಗಿ ಯಾವುದನ್ನೂ ಆಲೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಈಗ ತಾವು ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಕೇಳಿದಮೇಲೆ ಆಲೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತೆ.